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SUBJ: ZAIRE-ZAMBIAN RELATIONS - KAUNDA-MOBUTU MEETING

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1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA'S BRIEFING OF BRITISH
HIGH COMMISSIONER DIFFERS LITTLE FROM WHAT APPEARED IN
LOCAL PRESS.

2. ACCORDING TO WHAT CHONA TOLD THE HIGH COMMISSIONER,
MEETING WAS INSTIGATED BY MOBUTU AND WAS FRIENDLY IN TONE.
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MOBUTU REFRAINED FROM ACCUSING ZAMBIA OF COMPLICITY IN THE
SHABA INCURSIONS, BUT MOBUTU DID SHOW KAUNDA ON A MAP
WHERE KATANGESE HAD BEEN IN ZAMBIA. KAUNDA PROFESSED
HIS GOOD NEIGHBORLY INTENTIONS AND SAID ONCE AGAIN THAT
THE ZAMBIA-SHABA BORDER WAS LONG AND THE ZAMBIAN ARMY
PREOCCUPIED WITH RHODESIA.

3. KAUNDA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE DANGER OF SUPER POWER CONFLICT IN THE AREA AND WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT SO MANY FOREIGN FORCES BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE REGION. HE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT A PAN-AFRICAN FORCE WHICH MIGHT BE USED LATER FOR INTERVENTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, TEMPORARY MILITARY HELP FOR ZAIRE WAS ACCEPTABLE IF IT ENABLED MOBUTU TO BUY TIME TO WORK OUT A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

4. CHONA DESCRIBED MOBUTU AS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE NEED FOR A MILITARY VICTORY. ZAMBIA HOPES MOBUTU'S FRIENDS WILL IMPRESS ON HIM THE NEED FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION LEADING TO NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. RECONCILIATION WAS THE ANSWER TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS BOTH IN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA. KAUNDA HAD REMINDED MOBUTU THAT ZAIRE WAS HELPING DISSIDENTS IN ANGOLA AND THAT THIS GAVE ANGOLA SOME EXCUSE FOR DOING THE SAME WITH THE KATANGESE.

5. CHONA EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE WAY THE MEETING HAD GONE AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT A STEP HAD BEEN TAKEN TO MEND THE DAMAGE DONE TO ZAMBIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS OVER THE LAST WEEKS.
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